

Oregon's people in rural communities are asking Governor Kate Brown to immediately order a halt to all aerial pesticide spraying statewide due to increased health risks associated with the COVID-19 virus respiratory pandemic. All Oregonians have been ordered to mitigate contagion risk and reduce impact upon our highly stressed health care system. We ask The COVID-19 Health Care System Response Joint Task Force to recognize the health risks associated with aerial pesticide spraying, advising Governor Brown to take action to avoid potentially catastrophic and unnecessary additional risk or economic hardship impacts upon rural Oregonians, our health care system, and health care workers. As a declared National Emergency by the President of the United States, rural Oregonians implore Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley, and Oregon's congressional delegation, to indicate immediate support for this emergency executive action.

- Spring spray season is imminent in timbered lands
- Vulnerable populations and locations include: elders in retirement communities, nursing homes, health care centers, residences adjacent to spray operations, infants/children, chronically ill, and all age groups of disabled Oregonians
- "Stay Home" Emergency Guidelines impede evacuation of homes for a planned spray
- Surface water residential systems are at high risk for contamination by chemical toxins in drinking water

Protect residents of rural Oregon from further risk by removing exposure to aerial sprayed toxins as part of Emergency Response to Pandemic conditions.

Signed on behalf of rural Oregonians advocating for the well-being and health of us all. Statements of support are being collected and will be delivered to the Task Force and Governor Brown's Office.

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